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—OF THE—

Thirty Seventh Annual Session

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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

BALDWIN BAPTIST CHURCH,

PRENTISS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

NOVEMBER 27th, 28th AND 29th 1897

J. W. SMITH, clerk.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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J. O. LOONEY.	E. S. CANDLER, Jr.	J. W. SMITH.

MISSION COLLECTIONS.

Associational Missions, 1st quarter closes Feb. 1st, 1898
State Missions - - - 2nd quarter closes May 1st 1898
Home and Foreign 3rd and 4th q't. closes Oct. 1st 1898

NEXT MEETING

Hinkle Creek, six miles West of Rienzi, Miss.,

Tuesday before 1st Sunday in Oct.,

1898, at 10 o'clock a. m.



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—OF THE—
Tishomingo Baptist Association,
BALDWIN, MISSISSIPPI

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The Thirty Seventh annual session of Tishomingo Baptist Association was held with Baldwin Baptist church commencing at 11 o'clock a. m. Saturday before the 4th Sunday in November 1897. The meeting of the association having been postponed on account of rigid quarantine, from Saturday before 1st Sunday in October 1897, the time appointed for meeting at our last session.

Devotional exercise conducted by Bro. E. S. Candler, Jr. by reading Phillipians 2:1-17 and 4:4-14, singing by choir 520 and 502 Baptist Hymnal, prayer by Elder W. M. Henderson, one of the three Charter members of this association at its organization at Burnsville, Miss., 1833.

The other two, Eld. J. S. Skinner and Bro. Jno. Cobb being absent, Bro. Henderson after fervent prayer spoke for a short time of his connection with this body for over 50 years,

Bro. E. S. Candler Jr., moderator, announced the association opened for business, and appointed Eld. E. E. Thornton and Bros. G. W. Dudley, J. E. Brown and W. M. Burge reading clerks, and on call for letters the following were presented and read, Corinth, Concord, Baldwyn, Glendale, Friendship, Rienzi, Osborne Creek, Cane Creek, Booneville, Hughes Chappel. At this point the moderator suspended the reading letters and also adjourned at 11 o'clock to 2 o'clock p. m. Dr. J. B. Searcy who was elected at last association to preach associational sermon, was present and after a service of song and prayer, read Malachi 3rd chapter and preached from Luke 1:15.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional service conducted by Eld. Chas. Lovejoy, song 496, prayer by Elds. J. S. Berry and E. E. Thornton, reading Eph. 3rd chapter by Eld. Lovejoy and song 499, reading letters resumed when the following were presented: Chewalla, Sardis, Oak Hill, Iuka, Piney Grove, Union, Shiloh, Mt. Olive, Bethel, Hinkle Creek, Mt. Joy, Cacey Creek, Antioch No. 2, Burnsville, Gaston, Mt. Gillead, Kossuth, Farmington, Jacinto, New Prospect, Fellowship, County Line, Meadow Creek, Mt. Providence, Mt. Gillead, Tuscumbia, Union. The following delegates being present their names were enrolled: Antioch No. 2—W. T. McDowell

Baldwyn—J. W. Burress, T. J. McDonald, W. M. Burge.

Bethel—W. F. Glover, Lee Washburn, Jas. Washburn.

Booneville—Eld. E. E. Thornton, P. M. Walker, J. C. Carter, and J. W. Smith.

Burnsville—Eld. W. L. Norman, C. C. Harris, F. M. Medders, Julius Linton.

Cacey Creek—J. J. Sanders, G. W. Wallace, W. J. Majors.

Cane Creek—J. A. Tyson.

Concord—S. T. Ledbetter.

Corinth—E. S. Candler Jr., Dr. J. B. Searcy, J. C. Martin, J. C. Skillman, Miss Lowrey Bills.

County Line—H. T. Outlaw.
 Friendship—J. T. Stringfellow.
 Fellowship—T. J. Epting, R. C. White.
 Gaston—Sister Willie Elliott.
 Glendale—Bro. H. Hines.
 Hinkle Creek—Eld. W. M. Henderson, T. F. Holt, J. E. Miller.
 Iuka—Bro. G. W. Dudley, J. E. Brown, W. F. Dugger,
 Kossuth—T. H. Underwood, R. C. Cates.
 Little Brown Creek—W. C. Denson, J. W. Denson.
 Meadow Creek—Eld. C. P. Duncan, J. M. Fulghan, D. L. Prichard.
 Mount Joy—W. A. Rhodes Eld. A. J. Sherrill.
 Mt. Olive—Eld. L. R. Burress, J. A. Jones, B. F. Shepard, J. H. Youngblood.
 Mt. Gillead—Thos. Davis.
 Oak Hill—Eld. L. A. Bell, H. H. Sisk.
 Osborne Creek—J. W. Muse, I. T. Powell, Jas. Jones.
 Rienzi—B. M. Savage, C. B. Curlee.

Petitionary letter of Little Brown Creek church read and on motion the letter was received and delegates invited to seats, and association proceeded to permanent organization.

The Moderator appointed Dr. Oscar Haywood of West Point, Miss., Dr. G. M. Savage and Eld. Chas. Lovejoy, of Jackson, Tenn., and Eld. W. G. Thompson, Blue Mountain, Miss. tellers, who, after the ballot announced as follows:

E. S. Candler Jr., Corinth, Miss. Moderator, and J. W. Smith Clerk. Bro. Candler in a few appropriate remarks accepted the honor conferred and the association proceeded to business.

On motion the following was adopted as the order of business.

1st Call for correspondence and invite visiting brethren to seats.

2nd Appoint Committees.

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3rd Appoint time and place for next meeting of this body.

4th Appoint messengers to religious bodies.

5th Call for reports.

6th Elect Executive Board and Elder to preach associational sermon.

7th Resolutions and miscellaneous business.

8th Adjournment.

Moderator appointed the following committee on devotional: Eld. L. R. Burress, Eld. J. S. Berry with deacons of Baldwin church.

The following were received as corresponding messengers: Elds. W. G. Thompson and J. S. Berry Tippah Association, Eld. Oscar Haywood D. D., Columbus Association, Eld. G. M. Savage D. D., Pres. S. W. B. U, Jackson, Tenn., Chas. Lovejoy Big Hatchie Association Tenn., Bro. M. D. Gray Central Association, Tenn., Eld. W. R. Hampton West Judson Association, Miss.

The Committee on Devotional exercise announced that Dr. G. M. Savage would preach to-night in this house, Dr. Oscar Haywood to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m. in this house, Bro. E. S. Candler Jr. to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m. Methodist church.

The following resolution was offered by Eld. J. S. Berry:

RESOLVED, That we, as an association, take pleasure in saying to the churches composing this body that we heartily endorse the action of our State Convention with reference to the Whitsett Matter and the book called the doctrinal views of M. T. Martin which a special Committee reported after discussion participated in by Eld. J. S. Berry, Dr. J. B. Searcy, L. R. Burress, Chas. Lovejoy, Dr. Oscar Haywood, and C. B. Curlee on motion was adopted.

Association adjourned till 6:30 o'clock p. m. benediction by Eld. J. S. Berry.

NIGHT SESSION

After service of song and prayer Dr. G. M. Savage preached from Romans 8:28 on conclusion of sermon association proceeded to business.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

STATE OF RELIGION—Eld. L. R. Burress Chm., Eld W. L. Norman, Bros. J. E. Miller, W. T. McDowell and J. A. Tyson.

FINANCE—Bros. J. W. Burress Chm., F. M. Medders, and H. H. Sisk.

STATE MISSIONS—Eld. E. E. Thornton, Bros. W. M. Burge, W. F. Glover, J. C. Carter, and H. Hines.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING—Bros. T. H. Underwood, T. J. McDonald, S. T. Ledbetter, D. L. Prichard, and Eld. C. C. Harris.

SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Eld. E. E. Thornton, Bros. P. M. Walker, Jas. Washburn, J. T. Stringfellow, and J. G. Vancannon.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE—Bros. G. W. Dudley, J. A. Jones, B. F. Sheppard, Lee Washburn and Eld L. A. Bell.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—Elds. L. R. Burress, A. J. Sherrill, Bros. J. W. Denson, and B. M. Savage.

TEMPERANCE—Eld. L. R. Burress, Bros. W. A. Rhodes, J. J. Sanders, W. A. Majors, and J. W. Wallace.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Elds. J. S. Berry, W. G. Thompson, T. H. Underwood, J. A. Jones, and W. A. Rhodes.

HOME MISSIONS—Bros. W. M. Burge, W. C. Denson, C. B. Curlee, B. M. Savage, and W. F. Dugger.

PUBLICATIONS—Bros. J. E. Brown, W. D. Conn, J. C. Skillman, Elds. J. S. Berry, and W. G. Thompson.

OBITUARIES—Elds. W. M. Henderson, A. J. Sherrill, and C. P. Duncan.

NOMINATIONS—Bros. T. H. Underwood, C. B. Curlee, W. M. Burge, I. T. Powell, and G. W. Dudley.

On call for reports, Eld. L. R. Burress, chairman of committee, on State of Religion submitted the following

STATE OF RELIGION.

By the Grace of God our spiritual condition is what it is, while it is not what it should be by this grace, we are thankful that it is not what it once was, and that it is not what it shall be, for "we shall be like Him." The reports from the churches show that they still live, and are doing labor in the Master's name, while he takes pleasure in rewarding the sowing and watering. Some of the churches show remarkable vitality in service both of spiritual and material kind. The churches are still the best institutions for ministering to the needs of men, notwithstanding this truth the line of demarkation between the church and world is not as sharply drawn in some respects as should be. A moral earnestness is wanting on the part of many church members and pastors. While we may need intellectual or educational qualification there is urgent need of superior consecration imbued with intense moral earnestness. This earnestness behind the message is as the powder behind the ball that drives it to the mark.

While heartier earnestness in pulpit and pew would hasten the conquest of the world by the gospel of Lord Jesus Christ, This earnestness is attained only by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the God-given preparation for all christian work. The number of exclusions is evidence of the healthfulness and carefulness of the churches regarding christian living, and the number of baptisms reported show some progress in extending the masters kingdom.

Respect. Submitted,

L. R. BURRESS.

W. L. NORMAN.

J. E. MILLER.

W. T. McDOWELL.

J. A. TYSON.

Spoken to by Eld. L. R. Burress, Dr. Oscar Haywood, W. M. Henderson, J. S. Berry, G. W. Dudley, W. M.

Burge, and W. L. Norman and adopted:

On motion 9 o'clock Monday morning was made the special hour for selecting time and place for our next annual meeting of this Association.

The Moderator announced the following messengers to other bodies.

Tippah Association, Hickory Flat, on K. C. M. & B. R. R., Thursday before 1st Sunday Sept. 1898: Dr. J. B. Searcy, W. F. Dugger, and J. R. Burress.

West Judson, Tuesday after 1st Sunday in Sept. at Camp Creek church: Eld. L. R. Burress, E. E. Thornton, and J. W. Smith.

Judson—date not known—W. E. Thomas.

Tombigbee—date not known—G. W. Dudley, E. E. Thornton, and J. E. Brown.

Harmony—date not known—Eld. J. Skinner.

Unity—date not known—Eld. R. J. Jennings and J. W. Lovelace.

Baptist State Convention, Brook Haven, Thursday before 3rd Sunday in July 1898: E. E. Thornton, Dr. J. B. Searcy, L. R. Burress, C. P. Duncan, T. H. Underwood, W. E. Hunter, Will Mahaffey, B. A. P. Selman, Geo. Walton, and J. W. Lovelace.

On motion the report on temperance was made special order for 2 o'clock p. m. on to-morrow, and Sunday school mass meeting for 9:30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to 9:30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow, benediction by E. S. Candler Jr., Moderator.

SECOND DAY.

Sunday morning 9:30 o'clock Sunday school mass meeting opened by song, solo by Eld. W. G. Thompson, "Hover over me blessed Lord," prayer by Eld. L. R. Burress. Bro. Dudley, editor Iuka Vidette and Supt. of Iuka Baptist S. S., Prof. J. E. Brown of Iuka Normal School. Elds. L. R. Burress and W. G. Thompson made interesting talks to the children on Sunday schools. When the following report was read and spoken to by

Bro. G. W. Dudley and Eld. L. A. Bell and on motion adopted:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND SABBATH-OBSERVANCE.

It has been well said that the Sunday school was "the church at work in the investigation of the Holy scriptures." This at least is what it should be for your Committee believe that it is as important for the membership to attend the Sunday school as for their children. How can we expect our children to attach vital importance to an organization where we ourselves are indifferent? Much progress is making in our denomination in the important matter of Sunday schools but there is yet much that remains to be done by way of advancement. As a practical suggestion in that direction we would say that brethren should earnestly strive to improve their houses of worship, that are at present unsuited for Sunday schools in the winter season, so that their schools shall run 12 months in the year. Last but not least carry yourselves to the Sunday school. The observance of the Sabbath day as one set apart and consecrated to God should have a prominent place in the teachings of the Sunday school. Nothing is more conducive to christian progress than a faithful and conscientious observance of the Lord's day. We insist that our brethren set pious examples before their children in this regard, feeling that the force of example is even more powerful than precept.

G. W. Dudley.

L. A. Bell.

B. F. Sheppard.

J. A. Jones.

The hour for preaching having arrived, school closed. Dr. Oscar Haywood preached at this church. Subject "Love." Read Text, Eph. 3:20-21

Collection was had for Orphan's Home at Jackson which amounted to about \$10.00

Dr. Haywood preached a most excellent and eloquent sermon, adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.. Benediction by L. R. Bur ess. Bro. E. S. Candler Moderator, preached at Methodist church. Read Text, Jno. 4:35-36.

ATERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock p. m. Devotional exercise conducted by Moderator reading 23rd Psalms, song 231 by Eld. W. G. Thompson, Prayer by Eld. J. G. Archer.

2 o'clock p. m. being the hour set apart for the Temperance report, Eld. L. R. Burress Chairman, read report which on motion was received, discussed and adopted. Discussed by Eld. L. R. Burress, G. W. Dudley, W. G. Thompson, J. S. Berry, and Bro. Moderator, E. S. Candler Jr., Bro. F. M. Medders. The following is the report:

TEMPERANCE.

Paul delivered to the Ephesian Christians exhortations, both prohibiting and enjoining, prominent among these is this: "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess but be filled with the spirit." Eph. 3:18.

Drunkenness has been the bane of human prosperity wherever it has prevailed. Drunkenness is excess; it inflates or reverses every condition of character, by inflation or puffing up which means as flesh swollen by a sting; it makes the learned feel more learned, the strong stronger; it reverses conditions by making the poor feel rich, the old young, the ignorant wise, the feeble strong, the friendly inimical, the sinful righteous, the stranger familiar, the affectionate father or husband brutal, the restraining parent too indulgent, the obedient child rebellious, the precocious silly. In fact drunkenness puffs up or shrinks every element of human character, and stamps stagnation upon every laudable enterprise. Notwithstanding these are admitted truths, drinking which leads to drunkenness still obtains in many homes and elsewhere both public and in secret. It is a matter of

profound regret that some of the most enterprising and progressive of our citizens, while they proclaim against the evil of strong drink habitually, do on holidays or special occasion indulge in drinking. This can no longer be justified as an innocent privilege, for it has proved to be the seed time for drunkenness, neither can it be excused merely as a "failing" for the folly is too manifest. There are no times or seasons that should be surrendered to this unutterable evil. Lift high the standard and bring the people to it, rather than lower the standard to the people. Paul was mindful of the lower attainment of these Ephesians in civilization, morals, and piety, yet he did not conform his model of excellent life to suit their conditions of life, but would have them reach the plain where he placed the standard, so let us labor to bring up humanity rather than lower sobriety, or total abstinence. Drunkenness is the moloch, the juggernaut, the matchless evil of our country. The drink habit promises are deceptive. It promises to make a man of its disciple, but it makes him a beast. It promises to make him strong but it makes him stagger and fall in helplessness. It promises to make him social but it makes him quarrel with his best friends. It promises to make him wise but it makes him the laughing stock of his enemies and the pity of his friends, for it makes him talk and act like a fool. It promises good health but it ruins what he has. It promises to warm his blood, but there are more drunkards that freeze to death, than any other class. It promises to steady his nerves, but it gives him delirium tremens; it promises him courage, but it makes him a coward in danger, but reckless and brutal in the treatment of his defenseless wife and children; it promises to make a gentleman of him but it makes a tramp. After all this and much more the disciple cannot be induced to give up his discipleship, for drink now promises to make him forget all of these

mean things with all of his sorrows. It promises to drown sorrows, but it multiplies them; it lies from the beginning to the end; "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until the night, till wine inflame them," for "wwo hath woe? Who hath sorrow sorrow? Who hath contention contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red; when it giveth his color in the cup; when it moveth itself aright; at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." "Touch not, taste not, handle not, that which all are to perish with the using," also Deut. 29:19-20. Thus we see the wisdom of the prohibiting commandment. "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess." Now let us briefly see the wisdom of "being filled with the Spirit." This satisfies but does not surfeit. It gives peace, not woe. It gives true riches not poverty. It elevates the spiritual nature of man and keeps in subjection the animal nature of man. It develops the man in the highest sense, while ruin drags the man to the lowest depth. Wine conquers the man, the Holy Spirit makes the man a conquer. By His help, we shall overcome and free the homes of our wives and daughters from the curse of rum. Our churches from its blighting influence and our civil world from its curse. To this end we recommend that every member of every church of this association not only refrain from drinking wine or strong drink, but each shall pray, live and vote against any influence that encourages the drinking of alcohol.

Respect. submitted

L. R. BURRESS.
G. W. WALLACE.

W. A. RHODES.
J. J. SANBERS.) Committee.

Whereupon the following resolution was offered by Bro. C. B. Curlee and adopted as a part of the foregoing report.

RESOLVED, That we condemn the home-made wine business in this country and petition the governor in his next message to advise the legislature to abolish the business of raising, making, and selling wine in this State.

Adjourned at 6:30 o'clock p. m., Benediction by Moderator.

NIGHT SESSION.

Association called to order 6:30 o'clock p. m. Sunday. Song, Nearer my God to Thee, prayer by Moderator. Song 303, prayer by Eld. W. G. Thompson, who was announced by Devotional Committee to preach. Eld. W. G. Thompson read 1st John 1st chapter and announced his text Acts 13:38. After sermon Bro. E. E. Thornton led in prayer and the association proceeded to business. On call for report Bro. T. H. Underwood read the following report on systematic giving, which after discussion by Bros. T. H. Underwood, W. E. Thomas, F. M. Medders, G. W. Dudley, and Eld. C. C. Harris was adopted.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

Your Committee on "Systematic Giving" beg leave to report the following:

From the information we gather from the letters of the various churches, we fear there has not been as liberal response to that injunction; "Give as the Lord has prospered thee," and in order that the Lord's business may be done in decency and in order. We would recommend a systematic contribution to the various Mission Boards in all the churches at as near the same time as possible, to wit: That the collection for Associational Missions be taken the first quarter of the Associational year ending Dec. 31st 1897.

Foreign Missions 2nd quarter ending Mch. 31st 1898.

State Mission 3rd quarter ending June 30th 1898.

Home Missions 4th quarter ending Sept. 30th 1898.

A to the manner of securing these collections we would recommend personal canvass of each church, either by Pastor, Board of Deacons, or Special Committee concluding with a public collection from the congregation; as to the amount that each member should give. We approach with timidity. It has been said to touch the pocket is to touch the heart, the two are so closely allied; we would reach the pocket by way of the heart; convince a christian of his duty and he will do it. Can it be said of this Association; "Ye have robbed God both in tythes and in offering?" "Prove me saith the Lord of Hosts. If I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

T. H. Underwood.	} Com.
C. C. Harris.	
T. J. McDonald.	
S. T. Ledbetter.	
D. L. Prichard.	

On application by petition a letter of dismissal was granted Fellowsnip church to connect with West Judson Association it being more conveniently located to the bounds of West Judson Association.

Committee on Schools, Colleges, and Ministerial Education submitted to the following report which was spoken to by Eld. E. E. Thornton Chairman, and adopted:

SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We live in an age of Education. Schools, Colleges, Universities, and Seminaries are being established, endowed and manned as never before in the history of the American people. Baptist are and have ever been the friends of education. This fact is fully attested by the large number of High Schools, Academies, Colleges, Universities, and Seminaries, now under their direct control, patronage and support, as well as by the clear

cut reports adopted by them on education, in their associational gatherings from time immemorial. It is universally admitted, "that other things being equal" that the best educated man is the best fortified against error and wrong, and the best prepared to do aggressive work for the right among his fellows. Then for us as a denomination to attain the greatest possible influence in establishing truth and right and good among the people, we must be able to utilize the full developed power of our best endowed men, and to this end, we must educate to the fullest extent of our ability, to meet the growing demands of education we must have not only High Schools and Academies scattered over the country, but we must have one great center, around which all our educational interests cluster and revolve, as thoroughly equipped men and means, and as well sustained by Denominational pride and support as any college in the State. Just such a center, we have in Mississippi College, located at Clinton, and a noble work it has done in training men for the highest efficiency in the Lord's service in men and work. Mississippi College is on a parity with any College or University of the State, or South, but in buildings and endowment it is far below the measure of our privilege and responsibility of a great denomination of ninety thousand communicants. How to supply these needed equipments, and how to secure to the College the support it merits and deserves from the denomination in every part of the State, has been a matter of anxious thought and earnest prayer with our wisest brethren for years. It is hoped that a solution of this question has been reached in a determination to add annually new buildings, and needed apparatus, and greater endowment, and thus meet the growing demands of education—Your Committee therefore recommend—1st That we as an Association, give a helping hand to this institution of learning by searching out from among us, young men, who desire an education and advising them to attend.

Mississippi College. 2nd That our pastors bring the work of the College more prominently before their churches and urge each member to make a contribution to this cause.

E. E. Thornton.	} Com.
P. M. Walker.	
Jas. Washburne.	
J. T. Stringfellow.	
J. Y. Vancannon.	

On motion, adjourned to 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Benediction by Dr. Oscar Haywood.

THIRD DAY SESSION.

Monday morning 8:30 a. m. Association convened. Prayer. Moderator read Eph, 6:10-21, song No. 174. Prayer by Dr. Haywood, song "Jesus lover of my soul."

Committee on Foreign Missions submitted following report by Eld. J. S. Berry, and after discussion by Elds. J. S. Berry and L. R. Burress. Letters were read from our Foreign Missionaries from this Association. Bro. E. Z. Summons, Canton, China, and Bro. J. G. Chastain, Dr. Arroyo, Mexico, which were ordered to be printed as a part of this report and in conformity with the custom of this association and earnest prayer for them was offered by Eld. L. R. Burress and report adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We the committee of Foreign Missions beg leave to report: The work of Missions in foreign fields can not be neglected by us if we are faithful to the commands of our Master. He has said, "Go ye into all the world. Ye shall be witnesses unto me *** unto the uttermost part of the earth." The commission is clear and positive and we need no other. But the condition of the heathen ought to move us to help them. They are sinners, they are without Christ, and sinners without Christ are lost. They need the "old old story." It has never failed in its good fruits, wherever it has been told. Our churches need information about the great work of

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Foreign Missions. We therefore urge our brethren to take and read the Foreign Mission Journal; we also urge our pastors to preach on this subject, and accept the following letters as a part of our report.

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Letter From Bro. Simmons.

CANTON, CHINA,
July 20, 1897.

To the Tishomingo Baptist Association.
Dear Brethren and Sisters:

By the mercies of God we are permitted to send you another letter. The Lord has blessed us with good health and abundant opportunities for service and we are thankful for the evidences we have of His blessing upon our labor. This should be as we hope it is, a means of humiliation to us. It is a wonder that God answers such weak sinful creatures as we are for the advancement of his kingdom and glory in the earth. Since writing to you last year the Lord has answered the prayers that we have been offering for many years; that He would open up the West River to foreign steamer traffic and Wuchow as a treaty port, and that we might have a mission station in Wuchow with missionaries living there. Now we have a chapel and residence for brother and sister Chambers of our own and a rented house for Misses McMinn and Sale to live in, in Wuchow. These are permanently settled there. The work is very encouraging. Several have been baptized and others are asking for baptism. While Wuchow is a large city, one hundred thousand inhabitants, yet this is only the door into the Kenong Soi province of about ten million of people. Some will say "but what are these four missionaries and a few native christians, when compared with the great multitude of those who have never heard the gospel?" To such doubters I would say God and His promises are on our side and we shall not fail. Since meeting

with you seven years ago at Hincle Creek church, above six hundred have been received in the churches connected with the Canton Mission, and since July 1st. '97, sixty one have been baptized into our churches. God's servants are working all over this Empire. The additions to the various churches were more by half last year than any one year in China. The way is being prepared when a great wave of salvation will pass over this Empire and many tens of thousands will be saved. That which concerns us is we should be one in preparing for this work that God is preparing for us. The great and important part of our work in China, is to prepare these converts that are coming to us in ever increasing numbers, for service in our churches. An undisciplined army is a menace to any country and the larger the army the greater the danger so it is with the churches we must have MEN and WOMEN disciplined for Christ's service, if we should reap the best results. Brethren we want your prayers to help us in this work. I believe the right kind of praying produces good results and that praying for the spread of the Gospel among the heathen ought to cause some of you to come and help us in this work. It ought to cause more of you to give for the spread of the Gospel. I must confess that I get rather lonely looking for your contributions in the Record or in the Foreign Mission Journal. No church ought to consent not to give to the cause of Missions. It is a fair guage of a church's spiritual life. Its interest in the salvation of the lost. Why not the Tishomingo Association send us a couple of Missionaries to China? You can do it if you will. Ask God to give you grace to do it. You could not do a better thing for your own good. It is the liberal soul that shall be made fat. There is that, that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty and there is that, that scattereth abroad and it increaseth. Do you want a rich spiritual blessing, as the dry and parched ground wants the rain? Then honor the Lord

by obeying his commands. It is not a matter of preference to us but a question as to whether we will do what God has commanded to do. The only question with us should be Lord help me to know Thy will and give me grace and will to do it. Brethren excuse me for being so persistent. If it was myself that I am asking I would not say a word, but it is for my Master and for perishing souls that I plead with you to help us in bearing witness to all nations. May God's blessings be upon the pastors, delegates and the churches represented in the Association to make us more faithful unto all the good work, is the prayer of your co-laborer in the Master's work. With christian greetings and love I am

Your brother in Christ,

E. Z. SIMMONS.

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Letter From Bro. Chastain.

DR. ARROYO,
Mexico, Sept. 1, 1897.

DEAR BROTHER:

I should like to speak of the beauties and wonders of nature as found in Mexico, the delightful climate, balmy atmosphere, luxuriant vegetation, tropical flowers, fruits and birds, chrystal lakes and laughing rivulets, and grander still, the lofty volcanoes whose snow-crowned summits pierce the skies, perhaps not less interesting would be a description of the ancient tombs, monuments, and pyramids, fallen castles and buried cities, whose massive ruins speak to us in silent yet eloquent terms of an ancient people, who were far advanced in science, art, and the first principles of education. However pleasing these subjects might be, I must leave them to the historian and tourist, and confine myself to the present religious conditions and need of the people—a subject which lies much nearer my heart. If we are ever to evangelize Mexico there are some grave obstacles which must be met and overcome.

Of a few of these I wish to speak. First, the widespread ignorance. After three hundred years of Catholic rule in Mexico not one tenth of the people could read and write. Catholic priests say: "Ignorance is the mother of devotion." They know only too well that if the people are once educated they will detect the fallacies and absurdities of Rome, and will abandon the Catholic church. Hence it is in accordance with the policy of Catholicism to keep the people ignorant, but the spirit of freedom in Mexico is growing, and as a result, we have a new law, making education compulsory. This is a terrible blow to Catholicism, and is destined to work wonders in favor of the spread of the gospel. Catholics have schools in the United States because they are driven to it by the spirit of the country, but as those say, who have looked into the matter, their class-room work is a mere sham. However, their schools serve their purpose, that is, they are used to capture the boys and girls of unsuspecting parents. Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterians, who leave their own schools, which are better, and turn their children over to the Catholics to be educated. We find in Mexico not only gross ignorance in general, but especially of the bible. Bishop Hurst (Methodist) says: "Of the eleven millions of people in Mexico, eight millions have never seen a copy of the Bible." Catholic priests say: "The Bible is a dangerous book for the common people," hence their activity in gathering up and burning the copies that have been distributed by our Missionaries and colporters. Along with other heathenish and debasing customs of Catholicism we find Sabbath desecration. Sunday here is made the day of worldly amusements, horse-racing, bull-fighting, cock-fighting, theater-going, dancing, gambling, drinking, etc. Not only do we find Mexico enveloped in ignorance, with no Bible and no Sunday, but worse still, there is a great lack of domestic purity. Dr. Pierson says: "Nearly one-half of the men and women in Mexico living as husband and

wife have no legal relation as such." The avaricious priests demand such an enormous fee for pronouncing the marriage ceremony that many of the poor are unable to pay it, and so are led off into the grossest wickedness. All of the above great sins may be traced directly to Catholicism. As a result of this deadly system we find in Mexico widespread indifference, poverty, ignorance, superstition, fanaticism, infidelity, and idolatry. The priests ruled the country until they got things about to their own liking. A tree is known by its fruit. But what I have said of the baneful influences of Catholicism in Mexico is equally true in Central and South America, France, Spain, Italy, and other Catholic countries. The obstacles to the spread of the gospel in Mexico are numerous and great; but what can we say of the outlook? There are many encouragements. In the first place we have the protection of law, which is a great help. I have already spoken of the system of compulsory education, which marks a new era for Mexico. Besides this, many boys and girls have been sent to our schools and colleges in the United States. Many of them will be converted, and all of them will imbibe the spirit of our free institutions. This army of educated young people will return to their respective neighborhoods throughout the Republic, and will wield a powerful influence in determining the future destiny of this nation. Lack of space forbids my speaking at length of our Madero Institute, in which some of our most zealous and active Missionaries are laboring. Already scores of young lady teachers have been sent out, and are molding the characters of hundreds of students who come under their tuition. In the providence of God syndicates are wearing a network of railroads over the face of this country. With these increased facilities for travel, one missionary may do the work of three or four. We are happy to see also that a great change has come over the people in favor of the Gospel. There are so many doors open that the

present missionary force cannot do the work. In many places the people have been long asking for a missionary, until they are now growing tired and sick with waiting. The success of the gospel thus far is a guarantee of its triumph. The work wears the seal of God's approval and He has promised to continue His blessing to the end. In this lies our great hope. Before closing, let me speak briefly of our OBLIGATION to give the gospel to Mexico. It is a near needy and ripe field. To reach it there are no long, dangerous voyages to make, no deep seas to cross. Mexico is our next-door neighbor, and her children, with outstretched hands, are crying to us for the bread of life. The christian people of the United States should evangelize Mexico for political reasons. Catholicism is a deadly enemy to religious and political liberty, and is ever watching for an opportunity to attack and, if possible over turn all free government. We should give Mexico the gospel for the sake of her suffering and perishing millions, for the happy influence it would produce on our home churches, and above all, for the glory of our blessed Savior. To do this we need men—humble, pious, prayerful men who are willing to work hard and live hard, and not be proud of it. But these must have their bread; hence there is need of money. This Missionary enterprise is a kind of joint-stock company; some of us had no money—we have given our lives to this work; others are denied the happy privilege of going as Missionaries—they give their money, and in the last day we shall share the glorious results together. Missionaries need the sympathy and prayers of christians at home. Praying and paying should go together, but in order that people may pray and pay intelligently they must be informed on the subject of missions, the sore need of our BOARD, etc. Hence the importance of taking your State paper and also the Foreign Mission Journal. May the God of all grace fill you and us with all knowledge and understanding, giving unto us a longing desire for the salva-

tion of the lost. This is the earnest wish and prayer of
Your co-worker in Christ's service

J. G. CHASTAIN.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. S. Berry.

J. A. Jones.

W. G. Thompson.

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W. A. Rhodes.

T. H. Underwood.

Bro. J. E. Brown, Chm. of Committee on publication, submitted the following report, which after being discussed by Elds, J. S. Berry, E. E. Thornton, L. A. Bell, Bros. J. W. Burriss, and E. S. Candler Jr. was adopted:

Publications.

We your committee on publications beg leave to submit the following report. This is pre-eminently the reading age. One hundred and twenty-five years ago, three newspapers were thought to be too many for America. To-day our periodicals are numbered by the tens of thousands and it would be safe to say that the disposition to read has grown apace with the increased means of gratifying it. Among the periodicals within reach of our young people is to be found every class, from that whose tendency is to elevate and enable, to that which panders to the lowest and vilest elements of our nature. As it is a fact that our characters are exactly assimilated to the characters of our reading, it behooves us to look sharply to the kind of literature that we our selves read and allow to fall into the hands of our children. We believe that the question of the secular newspaper especially is an important one and great care and discretion should be used in their selection. We would almost venture to say that the fewer they are the better. Great minds, and especially strong religious characters were not made so by reading the secular press. We would especially emphasize the importance of books suited to the tastes and need of our young people. We are going to read and the only way

to keep out the bad is to fill our homes full of the best that can be had, and it is the belief of your committee that less use is made of this powerful means for the development of character than is justifiable in the case of people striving to build up our churches, which is only to be accomplished by building up the young. We would recommend as Sunday school literature, the Southern Baptist Convention series of Nashville and the help furnished by the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia.

We would recommend as periodicals, the Baptist Layman and the Foreign Mission Journal. We regret to see the course of the Baptist Record on Martinism and we therefore withhold our endorsement and encouragement of it, until it shall right itself, upon these doctrines that are dear to us as Baptists.

Respectfully,

J. S. Berry.	J. E. Brown.	}
	W. D. Conn.	
W. G. Thompson.	J. C. Skillman.	

On motion the time and place of meeting of the next annual session of this body was taken up and Hinkle Creek church was chosen as the place and Tuesday before the first Sunday in October 1898 the time of meeting.

The committee on Nominations submitted report which was adopted as follows.

Nominations.

We the Committee on Nominations recommend the selection of the Executive Board: namely, Eld. L. R. Burress, T. E. Holt, I. T. Powell, B. A. P. Selman, J. W. Burress, J. O. Loony, E. S. Candler Jr., and J. W. Smith. We recommend Eld. E. E. Thornton to preach the next Associational sermon, Alternate Eld. W. E. Hunter.

For Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention

Dr. J. B. Searcy, Alternate G. W. Dudley.

T. H. Underwood

W. M. Burge.

C. B. Curlee.

I. T. Powell.

G. W. Dudley.

Eld. E. E. Thornton Chairman of Committee on
State Mission submitted the following report:

State Missions.

There is great reason to "thank God and take courage" for increased interest and marked advance in the cause of missions. The time for making arguments to prove that Missions are Scriptural has past. If Christ is Lord and Master, and if His word is authority and is building upon His disciples in all ages, then the obligation of giving the Gospel to the world is fixed, for it was Christ who said to His disciples: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." "And ye shall be a witness unto Me, both in Jerusalem and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. The great Baptist hosts are beginning to comprehend the extent of the commission and the obligation resting on them for its execution. The giving of a pure gospel to the world is with the Baptists.

State Missions covers the destitution within our own State, and is peculiarly our own work. There is more or less of destitution in every part of the State, but none more apparent or inviting than our Western and Southern border. Beginning at the Tennessee line on the Mississippi river and running a line South 250 miles varying in width from forty to eighty miles, and you pass through a country, the soil and climate of which is the best adapted to the growth of cotton of any in the world; then following our coast line to the east for 100 miles and you pass through a country that for beauty and grandeur of scenery and for the growth of fruits and vegetables, is the equal of any in

the South. This Delta and coast country is being threaded and traversed by railroads, and dotted over with growing towns of thrift and wealth. In these we have but few preachers and still but fewer houses of worship. Your committee therefore commend to this body, the wise policy of secretary A. V. Rowe, in sending efficient men into these growing towns and rapidly developing parts of our State, and we also commend the timely action of our State Convention in establishing a church building fund, and your committee recommend to our pastors that they inform themselves with reference to the need of our State Denominational work, present these claims to the church, ask for special prayer, and take at least one collection for State Missions during the Associational year.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. C. Carter,	E. E. Thornton,	}
W. M. Burge,	W. F. Glover,	
	H. Hines.	

Report on Home Missions was read by Bro. W. M. Burge, as follows:

Home Missions.

Home Missions embraces the territory of the Southern States, the Indian Territory and Cuba. This Board is under the supervision of the Southern Baptist Association and appointed by that body. The work is directed from the office of Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Atlanta, Ga. The field is large and white unto harvest on account of the increasing flow of immigration, many of whom are settling in destitute places, where the lack of the Gospel is already felt, and more, our daily papers record deeds of horror among the Indians which goes to show the Board needs more men to supplement that field and we realize in our own midst the good work that has been done among the colored people and that work should not fag, but should be carried farther, to finish the contour of this territory. We mention

that war has devastated, famine-stricken, priest-ridden isle of Cuba. Brethren their cry is heard. Their emaciated starving bodies are an object lesson. Our great government may extend beligerency, but let us extend the Gospel. The schools of charity send bread but let us send the bread of life. Possibly the sword of defense will be extended, but let us extend the sword of the Gospel. The priest's power, has been, is, and will still be exerted, for our God-given Missionaries have been persecuted, incarcerated and maltreated, yet we know that our united prayers have gone up to God, who has unlocked the prison doors and let our Missionaries go free and whose wisdom is more than their combined cunning, for in the midst of warfare, strife, Popery and famine the Gospel is being preached. Oh! Cuba! How manifold are thy needs. Brethren let us give Home Missions our prayers, our sympathies, our tithes and our Gospel.

W. M. Burge,
C. B. Curlee,

W. C. Denson }
B. M. Savage, }
W. F. Dugger }

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived the committee on Devotional Exercises announced that Eld. E. E. Thornton would preach in this house, and the Association took recess to 2 o'clock p. m.

After service of prayer and song Eld. E. E. Thornton read 1st Pet. 4th Chap. and preached from the following text: "If any man suffer as a christian let him not be ashamed; let him glorify God in this name." At the conclusion of his sermon choir sang No. 425. Prayer by Eld. L. R. Burress and congregation dismissed for dinner.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Association met at 2 o'clock p. m. and after song and prayer led by Bro. G. W. Dudley, proceeded to business. The discussion on State, Association and Home Missions was conducted by Elds. L. R. Burress,

E. E. Thornton, Bro. G. W. Dudley, Eld. W. M. Henderson, E. S. Candler, Jr., J. W. Burress and W. M. Burge, and on motion said reports were adopted.

Your committee on Obituaries submit the following report, which was adopted:

Obituaries.

During the past year death has taken from us beloved brethren and sisters. David said: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints." We weep for those who fell asleep in Jesus, but not as those who have no hope; for the Lord shall bring them with Him when He shall come in His Glory. Your committee have been able to obtain the following list of dead:

IN MEMORIAM.

List of Dead.

- Bethel—Bro. J. B. Washburn.
 Booneville—Sister Emma Turket, Bro. R. L. Little.
 Baldwyn—Bro. L. D. McDonald.
 Corinth—Bro. Jno. D. Burge.
 Chewalla—Sisters Jennie Moreland and Georgie Green.
 Casey Caek—Bro. Wm. Morris.
 Cane Creek—Sisters Julia M. Hill and Fannie Potts, Bros. Tom Smith and J. H. Morgan.
 Gaston—Sister J. C. Wright.
 Hughes Chapel—Bro. J. D. Davidson.
 Hinkle Creek—Sister Bettie Savage.
 Jacinto—Sister Clark.
 Iuka—Sisters E. A. Payne, Rebecca Linton E. R.
 Milsaps and Emeline Joslyn.
 Meadow Creek—Bro. Geo. A. Prichard.
 Mt. Gilead—Sister Hughes.
 Mt. Olive—Sister M. Davis, Amanda King and Mattie Riddle.
 Tuscumbia—Rev. W. C. Butler.
 Union Grove—Deacon J. F. Mock and Sisters Amanda Mayo and Lucy Hale.
 Cross Roads—Sister Nancy L. Hale.
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Committee on Finance submitted following report which was adopted :

FINANCE.

We your Committee beg leave to report that we have collected money for minutes as follows :

Antioch No 1.....	30	Inka.....	2.00
Baldwyn.....	\$3.10	Jacinto.....	.50
Bethel.....	.55	Kossuth.....	2.40
Boonville.....	2.50	Little Brown Creek ..	1.00
Burnesville.....	1.00	Meadow Creek.....	.60
Cane Creek.....	1.00	Mt. Gilead.....	1.20
Cayce Creek.....	1.05	Mt. Joy.....	.85
Chewalla.....	.70	Mt. Olive.....	3.00
Concord.....	.50	New Prospect.....	.60
Corinth.....	4.00	Oak Hill.....	1.75
County Line.....	.40	Osborn Creek.....	1.75
Farmington.....	1.15	Piney Grove.....	.30
Fellowship.....	1.00	Rienza.....	1.00
Friendship.....	.60	Sardis.....	1.00
Gaston.....	.65	Shiloh.....	1.40
Glendale.....	1.00	Tuscumbia.....	.60
Hinkle Creek.....	1.00	Union.....	1.25
Hughes Chapel.....	.40	Union Grove.....	.35
		Ttotal.....	\$42.45

Respectfully Submitted, J. W. BURRES, Chm'n.

I afterward received the following church letters with amount for Minutes as follows :

Lonoke Church.....	.50	Cross Roads.....	1.00
Petitionary letter from		Harmony Church.....	.50
Bethlehem Church.....	.50		
Total.....			2.50

Grand total.....\$44.95

J. W. SMITH, Clk.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Whereas the first Baptist of which we have any history, drank neither wine nor strong drink, and, whereas Baptists have ever been advocates of temperance, therefore

be it resolved :—That we as an association do recommend to the 2800 communicants composing the churches of this body, that we use our influence, energy and vote, to abolish the making and selling of vinous and malt liquors, and the establishing and maintaining of temperance.

E. E. THORNTON.

Resolved—That it is the sense of this body that the State Mission Board should not employ those known as Martinites as its missionaries.

Resolution of Thanks—Whereas the meeting of Tishomingo Baptist Association has been exceedingly pleasant and enjoyable—Therefore be it resolved, that we, the delegates of said Association hereby extend our sincere thanks to the Baptist church at Baldwyn for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown us and to the Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship, and to the generous people of Baldwyn who have so kindly entertained us in their comfortable homes.

That we express our thanks to the Moderator and to the Clerk, and recommend that the clerk be paid \$10 for his services.

G. W. DUDLEY.

The Moderator declared the business of the Association finished, the parting hand was extended and the Association adjourned at 3½ o'clock P. M. to meet with Hinkle Creek church, Alcorn county, Miss., on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1898.

J. W. SMITH, Clerk, E. S. CANDLER, Moderator.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

With gratification to the Giver of all good, your Executive Board would join in extolling His great name. The fields of our people have brought forth a sufficient harvest for man and beast, and regular religious services have obtained in most parts of our Associational bounds.

The mission field entrusted to your Board has been provided for but partially; this was on account of the limited means at its disposal. While there were plenty

of men ready to go, the pledges and collections were deemed insufficient, and to hazzard debt was considered unwise. Some of the churches, with accustomed promptness and liberality, have contributed to this work, while others have not exercised the gift of donating to this work. In view of the great destitution committed to the Association we urge that there be no letting up in this Associational Mission work. There is a self-sustaining Baptist church in every neighborhood throughout your Bounds.

Hereby is submitted a report of the contributions of all funds entrusted to the Executive Board with disbursements of the same:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Churches.	Amt.	Churches	Amt.
Antioch No. 2.....	\$1.00	Amt. brought for'd..	\$78.71
Boonville.....	12.85	Jacinto.....	5.00
Baldwyn.....	12.65	Kossuth.....	20.25
Burnesville.....	4.75	Mt. Gillead.....	1.00
Corinth.....	15.00	Mt. Olive.....	20.00
Concord.....	.60	New Salem.....	2.65
Cane Creek.....	1.56	Oak Hill.....	5.43
Gaston.....	5.00	Piney Grove.....	50
Glendale.....	2.00	Sardis.....	1.50
Fellowship.....	3.05	W. D. Robinson.....	2.50
Hinkle Creek.....	10.25	Collection field.....	7.40
Iuka.....	10.00	Total.....	\$144.94
Amt carried for'd..	\$78.71		

DISBURSEMENT OF ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS.

To A. J. Sherill for		Amt. brought up..	\$70.00
holding 2 meetings.	\$20.00	D. R. Venable hold-	
E. E. Thornton one		ing preachers school.	25.00.
meeting.....	20.00	L. R. Burrese post-	
W. G. Mahaffy 2		age.....	1.50
meetings.....	20.00	G. N. Williams 5	

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days meeting.....	5.00	W. D. Robinson one
	<u>101.50</u>	meeting.....
Balance on hand.....	43.44	L. A. Bell one meet-
		ing.....
		<u>10.00</u>
		\$70.00
		Recapetulation
	\$144.94	Amt. collected... \$144.94
Balance on hand.....	43.44	

STATE BOARD FUND.

From Mt. Olive Church.....	\$10.26
“ Iuka “	7.50
“ Cane Creek “	2.00
“ Baldwyn Ladie's Misssionary Society.....	4.05
“ Kossuth Church.....	2.00
	<u>\$25.81</u>
By amt. sent to Dr. A. V. Rowe.....	17.76
Balance.....	<u>\$8.05</u>
This amount A. V. Rowe.....	8.05

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Kossuth.....	2.50
Sent to A. V. Rowe.....	2.50
	<u>\$5.00</u>

AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN MIS- SIONS.

Churches	Amt.	Churches	Amt.
Baldwyn.....	50	Amt brought up.....	37.51
Cayce Creek.....	60	Meady Creek.....	3.50
Cane Creek.....	1.00	Mt. Olive.....	20.00
Chewalla.....	4.61	Oak Hill.....	5.43
Fellowship.....	8.30	Osburne.....	4.00
Iuka.....	2.50	Shiloh.....	3.40
Kossuth.....	20.00	Union.....	2.00
Amt carrid for'd... <u>\$37.51</u>		Total.....	<u>\$75.84</u>

By amount sent Foreign Mission Board at Richmond,	
Va.....	\$20.00
Paid Dr. A. V. Rowe.....	2.26--22.26
	<u>\$53.58</u>
This amount sent Dr. Rowe.....	53.58

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Antioch No. 2, J. T. Harris.....	Dry Run. Miss.
Booneville, E. E. Thornton, J. G. Archer, Booneville, miss	
Burnsville, W. L. Norman.....	Burnsville miss
Chewalla, Thos. Moreland	Chewalla Tenn
Corinth, Dr. J. B. Searcy.....	Corinth miss
Hinkle Creek, W. M. Henderson, and	
W. E. Hunter, Farmer, miss	
Hughes Chapel, J. C. Hughes	Iuka miss.
Lone Oak, J. C. Henderson.....	Kossuth miss
Kossuth, E. Z. Simmons.....	Canton China
R. W. Hooker, Frank Russell, and Tom Lee, Kossuth miss	
Meadow Creek, J. N. Williams.....	Wheeler miss
C. P. Duncan, Booneville, miss	
Mt. Olive, L. R. Burress.....	Geeville miss
New Salem, J. Skinner.....	Burnsville miss
Oak Hill, L. A. Bell, T. B. Roberts,....	Blackland miss
Rienzi, Geo. Savage.....	Rienzi miss
Sardis, W. D. Robinson.....	Old Erin miss
Union, J. H. Byrd.....	Hightown miss
Mt. Joy, A. J. Sherrell.....	Booneville miss
Union Grove, W. D. Page.....	Burnt Mills miss

LICENTIATES

W. M. Bynum, Antioch Miss; Wesley Sanders, Marietta Miss.; G. W. Glover, Lytal, Miss.; S. T. Ledbetter, Ivy Miss.; J. H. Woodly, Burnsville Miss.; T. E. Spain, Booneville Miss.; Felix Erwin and J. M. Bishop, Iuka miss

REPORT OF CHURCHES.

The following Churches report Pastors Salary, value of Church Property and Expenses:

CHURCH	PASTORS SALARY	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	CHURCH EXPENSES
Antioch, No. 2	\$ 25.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 15.00
Bethel	25.00	100.	
Baldwyn	125.00	1,000.	60.00
Booneville	625.00	5,000.	389.53
Cane Creek		500.	
Cayce Creek		250.	
Concord	40.00	50.	
Corinth	1,108.00	1,000.	493.05
Burnesville	40.00	300.	
Farmington	100.00	150.	
Fellowship	50.00	500.	
Friendship		50.	
Glendale	20.00		
Harmony	50.00		
Hinkle Creek	75.00	500.	
Inka	181.99	700.	50.00
Kossuth	175.00	800.	40.00
Mt. Gilead		50.	
Mt. Olive	200.00	500.	28.85
New Prospect	15.00	250.	
Oak Hill		500.	
Osborne Creek	150.00	600.	
Piney Grove		50.	
Rienzi	65.00	800.	25.00
Shiloh		600.	
Union		500.	
Lone Oak		300.	
Union Grove		50.	
Cross Roads		300.	
Total	\$3,069.99	\$ 16,050.00	\$1,101.43

The Letters of churches in their statistical reports show following receipts and disbursements not reported through the Executive Board :

MISSIONS	
Associational Missions.	State Missions.
County Line.....\$4.75	Booneville.....\$21.95
Rienzi\$24.00	County Line.....5.00
	<u>\$26.95</u>
Cross Roads1.45	
Meadow Creek......65	Corinth.....10.00
Union Grove.....1.75	Hinkle Creek.....3.00
Grand total.....\$32.60	Grand Total\$39.95
Foreign Missions.	
Orphans Home.	
Baldwyn,.....\$7.70	Booneville.....\$23.50
Corinth.....45.00	Kossuth.....7.50
Meadow Creek.....5.68	Baldwyn.....10.00
Rienzi1.00	Rienzi4.20
Concord.....60	Total.....\$45.20
Hinkle Creek.....10.00	This amount forwarded
Osborne Creek.....4.00	to Orphans Home by Eld.
Total.....\$73.98	E. E. Thornton,

The number of conversions reported by the several missionaries on their fields and in connection with others, is sixty-seven baptisms performed by neighboring pastors. Two new churches organized, to wit:—Little Brown Creek, Prentiss county, and Bethlehem, Alcorn county.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. BURRESS, Ch'm'n, Executive Board

Booneville Sunday School contributed to yellow fever sufferers at Bay St. Louis, Through Booneville, Plaindealer.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Hinkle Creek, \$10.00; Kossuth, \$15.00; Corinth, \$5.00—Total \$30.00. I think these amounts were sent to the S. W. B. U., at Jackson, Tenn.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The following work reported in letters: No meeting of W. M. S. held and no report submitted. Booneville—for Orphans, \$23.50; Church debt \$69.84; Inka—Pastors Salary, \$13.50; balance on hand \$7.64. Kossuth—Asso. Missions, \$2.50, State, \$2.00, Min. Ed. \$2.50 Church expenses \$9.00. All of this reported in Ex. Board report.

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Friendship.....		50.	
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Oak Hill.....		500.	
Osborne Creek.....	150.00	600.	
Piney Grove.....		50.	
Rienzi.....	65.00	800.	25.00
Shiloh.....		600.	
Union.....		500.	
Lone Oak.....		300.	
Union Grove.....		50.	
Cross Roads.....		300.	
Total.....	\$3,069.99	\$ 16,050.00	\$1,101.43

The Letters of churches in their statistical reports show following receipts and disbursements not reported through the Executive Board:

MISSIONS		State Missions.	
Associational Missions.			
County Line.....	\$4.75	Booneville.....	\$21.95
Rienzi	\$24.00	County Line.....	5.00
	<u>\$28.75</u>		<u>\$26.95</u>
Cross Roads	1.45	Corinth.....	10.00
Meadow Creek.....	.65	Hinkle Creek.....	3.00
Union Grove.....	1.75	Grand Total	\$39.95
Grand total.....	\$32.60		
Foreign Missions.		Orphans Home.	
Baldwyn.....	\$7.70	Booneville.....	\$23.50
Corinth.....	45.00	Kossuth.....	7.50
Meadow Creek.....	5.68	Baldwyn.....	10.00
Rienzi	1.00	Rienzi	4.20
Concord.....	.60	Total.....	<u>\$45.20</u>
Hinkle Creek.....	10.00	This amount forwarded	
Osborne Creek.....	4.00	to Orphans Home by Eld.	
Total.....	<u>\$73.98</u>	E. E. Thornton,	

The number of conversions reported by the several missionaries on their fields and in connection with others, is sixty-seven baptisms performed by neighboring pastors. Two new churches organized, to wit:—Little Brown Creek, Prentiss county, and Bethlehem, Alcorn county.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. BURRESS, Ch'm'n, Executive Board

Booneville Sunday School contributed to yellow fever sufferers at Bay St. Louis, Through Booneville, Plainedealer.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Hinkle Creek, \$10.00; Kossuth, \$15.00; Corinth, \$5.00—Total \$30.00. I think these amounts were sent to the S. W. B. U., at Jackson, Tenn.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The following work reported in letters: No meeting of W. M. S. held and no report submitted. Booneville—for Orphans, \$23.50; Church debt \$69.84; Inka—Pastors Salary, \$13.50; balance on hand \$7.64. Kossuth—Asso. Missions, \$2.50, State, \$2.00, Min. Ed. \$2.50 Church expenses \$9.00. All of this reported in Ex. Board report.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

NAME OF CHURCHES	NAME OF Superintendent	NAME OF SECRETARY	No. of months held.	Officers and Teachers	Pupils.	Av. Attendance.	Literature Used	Sunday School Expenses
1 Baldwin	J. W. Burruss	J. W. Smith	12 mo	3	120	12	Am. Bap. Pub S'ty	
2 Booneville	J. V. Alexander	Birdie Hurley	"	7	70	45	"	\$55.00
3 Chewalla	W. J. Young	C. J. Pounds	"	6	50	25	S. B. S. S. Board	
4 Cornith	E. S. Candler	Lillie Biggs	"	9	100	58	"	\$49.00
5 Burnsville	W. H. Phelps	Bettie Strickland	"	7	45	35	"	
6 Glendale	H. Hines	Mack Bray	"	2	26	18	"	
7 Hincle Creek	J. A. Gray	Julia Dugger	"	5	40	21	New Testament	
8 Inka	G. W. Dudley	P. C. Mathis	"	3	35	20	S. B. S. S. Board	
9 Kossuth	J. W. Doggett	R. B. Outlaw	"	6	47	34	"	\$14.46
10 Mt. Olive	L. A. Bell	Hattie Oakley	"	7	70	40	"	12.50
11 Oak Hill	S. L. Muse	Maggie Berry	"	6	36	20	"	last yr's r'p't
12 Osborn Creek	W. E. Richards	Lula Turner	8 mo	7	45	25	Am. Bap. Pub. S'ty	\$5.00
13 Rienzi	T. M. Meeks	G. E. White	12 mo	4	35	25	"	10.00
14 Shiloh	G. W. Lancaster	J. A. Bruten	3 mo	4	15	15	S. Bap. S. S. Board	
15 Union	T. J. Bruten		5 mo	4	40	25	Baptist	
16 Union Grove				5	29	20		
17 Cross Roads								
					648,463			\$146.62

Expenses, as shown above was for Literature, Organist and Sexton fees. \$5 of this amount sent to yellow fever sufferers and four dollars and 20c from Rienzi to orphans. Let me urge the churches to organize Sunday Schools and report fully at next Association cost of Literature etc.—Clerk.

MINUTES OF UNION MEETING.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Union Meeting met with the Oak Hill Baptist church on Friday the 16th day of July, 1897, it being Friday before the Third Lord's day in said month.

Bro. W. M. Burge, former Moderator being absent, the body was called to order by Eld. L. A. Bell at the request of Bro. S. L. Muse, former Clerk.

Eld. L. A. Bell, acting Moderator, pro tem, appointed Bro. Sam Everett and S. L. Muse Reading Clerks. The following letters were read: Baldwyn. Osborne Creek, Mt. Olive and Concord.

On motion the body proceeded to permanenment organization which resulted in the election of Eld. L. A. Bell as Moderator and S. L. Muse, Clerk.

The Moderator appointed Brethren J. A. Jones, Alonzo Garner, H. H. Sisk and Lindsey Rutherford as Committee on Devotional Exercises. Body adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m., and the hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, Eld. L. A. Bell preached an interesting sermon from John 11:25-26.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at 2 o'clock p. m. Devotional exercises led by Eld. L. A. Bell, Moderator; after which, on motion, the Order of Business of the Tishomingo Baptist Association was adopted for the government of this body.

Moderator announced the following Committees:
On Correspondence—Elder L. R. Burress, C. P. Duncan and Bro. S. L. Muse.

On Arrangements—T. B. Roberts, and Bro. Oscar Langford.

The programme as adopted by last year Union Meeting, for this body is:

1. Exegesis of Mark 10:38-39. 2—Is footwashing a Christian ordinance? 3—Sabbath Observance. 4—Is the Alien Sinner regenerated before he believes in Christ? 5—Lords Supper; who Should Partake and

When. 6—Scriptural Baptism. 7—Sunday Schools. 8—Wholesome Literature. 9—Baptism of the Holy Ghost; is it perpetuated?

Questions 1 and 2, on motion, was deferred until to-morrow's meeting. Question 3, read and discussed. Committee on Arrangements assigned delegates homes, and meeting adjourned to Saturday morning at 9 o'clock A. M.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Met at 9 o'clock A. M., Saturday.—Devotional exercises conducted by Moderator, after which the body proceeded to business. Question 1 was taken up and discussed. On motion, the talk of Eld. T. B. Roberts was ordered to be published in the county newspapers, Commercial-Appeal and Baptist Layman. The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, Eld. Walter Epting preached from Nehemiah 8-12. Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Two o'clock P. M. body met. Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. E. E. Thornton. Question 2d, read and discussed also 4th read and discussed. On motion the time and place for next meeting was postponed until the meeting of Association at Baldwyn. A collection of \$2.43 was made for minute fund.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

We, the members present of this body of 1st. District do hereby return our sincere thanks to the good people of Oak Hill church and vicinity for the royal way in which they have received and cared for us; and the Moderator and Clerk for the model way in which they have served us. Adopted. No further business, meeting adjourned by extending the hand of fellowship and singing "How Firm a Foundation."

LEE MUSE, Clk. L. A. BELL, Moderator.

REPORT 2nd DISTRICT MEETING.

Brethren the 37th annual meeting of the 2nd Dist.

Tishomingo Baptist Association was held with the Glendale Baptist church at Eagle, Alcorn Co., Miss., on July 27th and 28th, 1897. The meeting was called to order by Bro. E. F. Robins Mod., at 10 o'clock, a. m. After stating the object of the meeting the Moderator appointed the following as a committee on Devotional Exercise: Brethren H. Hines, F. White, Joe Bonds, Jas. Falls and F. M. Medders. Permanent organization effected by electing Bro. E. F. Romines Moderator, F. M. Medders, Clerk.

COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONS—Eld. W. D. Robinson, Chm. Eld. C. C. Harris and Thos. Moreland, Bros. White and Looney. Adjourned for for preaching

At 2 p. m. session met and after song and prayer proceeded to business.

FIRST QUESTION—"The importance of Prayer," discussed by Elds. Skinner, Moreland, Robinson and Bros. Romines and Hines 2nd Question, "Consecration" discussed by Elds. C. C. Harris, Thos. Moreland, W. D. Robinson, J. Skinner and Bro. E. F. Romines. Adjourned, to July 28, '97.

SECOND DAY

July 28th; after song and prayer business was resumed. 3rd Question, "The Church," discussed by Eld. J. Skinner, Bros. E. F. Romines and F. M. Medders. 4th Question, "Missions," spoken to by Elds. J. Skinner, W. D. Robinson and Bro. E. F. Romines. Adjourned for preaching.

At 11 o'clock A. M. Eld. W. D. Robinson preached the Annual Sermon. Text, "I am the true Vine." Elder Thos. Moreland elected to preach the Annual Sermon at the next annual meeting. Eld. J. Skinner, Alternate; subject, "The final preservation of the Saints." The letters from the various churches report peace in their churches; We submit the following questions for our deliberation at our next session: 1.—Will the Heathen be saved without the Gospel, E. S. Candler.

Jr. 2.-Missions--Its Origin and importance, Bro. W. H. Phelps. 3.---Is it Scriptural for a church member to manufacture and sell wines for gain, Eld. Thos. Moreland. 4.---Work of the Holy Spirit, Eld. Thos. Dera-berry and E. S. Candler, Jr. 5.---The perpetuity of the Baptist Church, F. W. Medders. 6.---Repentance; what is it? J. W. Lovelace, J. C. Hughes. 7.---Why do we have Associations? Bro. Jno. D. Bills.

The Burnesville Church was chosen for the place of our next annual meeting of the 2nd District on Friday before the 1st Lords' day in August. 1898.

After resolutions of thanks to the good people of Eagle and vicinity, the meeting adjourned.

F. M. MEDDERS, Clerk, E. F. ROMINES, Moderator.

RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened with prayer

2. The moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

3. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide a question. If he arises to speak he shall call some other brother to the chair.

4. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion and if seconded shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for its discussion the moderator shall take the vote by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by members rising.

5. Any member being desirous to speak shall rise and address the moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or makes personal reflections.

6. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity; not more than twice upon any subject without permission.

7. Every question introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over, on motion, with the consent of the mover of the resolution.

8. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of Churches, when a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or Church prevent the reception of a Church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

9. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association

shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the moderator.

10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

11. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reproved by the moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

ARTICLES 1. We believe in the only living and true God--the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God, alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto all and with all them that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election; that God has, from the beginning, chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the Truth.

6. We believe that the holy Spirit accompanies the word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to the prayer of Christians.

7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

8. We believe that baptism is immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance; and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and all who come to the Lord's table according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe that a Gospel Church is a body of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptised, upon a profession of their Faith in Him, and that there are but two officers in a church, viz: the Elder or Pastor and Deacon.

10. We believe it to be the duty of each Church to extend and circulate the Word of God as far as their means will enable them.

11. We believe in the resurrection of all men and in a future and general judgement; and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

COVENANT.

[Adopted in 1860 at the formation of the Association, afterwards ratified by the Churches.]

ARTICLE 1. We, as independent Churches of Jesus Christ, do mutually covenant to unite our efforts and influence for the advancement of the cause of Christ, under the title of the Tishomingo Baptist Association.

2 We agree to hold annual meetings, to be composed of delegates chosen by their respective Churches, bearing letters, to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment, and also showing the number received by baptism, by restoration; dismissed by letter, excluded or dead, together with the whole number of fellowship. Also, average number of Sunday School pupils and number of conversions, amounts contributed to Associational Mis-

STATISTICAL TABLE

NAME OF CHURCH	CLERK	POST OFFICE	PASTOR	Baptised	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Total Gain	Dismiss'd by Letter	Died	Erasure	Exclusions	Total Loss	Total Membership	Days of meeting
Antioch No. 1	J C Dixon	Hightown Miss	A C Vanier	91	64		10	1	2			3	62	1st
Antioch No. 2	J T Harris	Dry Run	J S Berry	7			7	2	1			3	37	4th
Baldwyn	W E Thomas	Baldwyn	W F Davis	31	14		4	1	1			1	59	1st
Bethel	J P Pettit	Rackett	E E Thornton	24			6	17	2			19	104	1-3
Booneville	J W Smith	Booneville											41	*
Brush Creek	A L Spencer	Burns	W L Norman	64			10	1	2			3	106	1st
Burnsville	M O Elledge	Burnsville											34	*
Candler	Joe Boone	Hic'ry Plains	Dr T J Perry	6			7	1	3			5	89	1st
Cane Creek	J B Bradberry	Wennesoga	C P Duncan	14			5	1	1			2	49	3rd
Cayce Creek	B H Dillard	Baldwyn	T J Perry	2			2	2	2			4	115	3rd
Chewalla	T J Hurley	Chewalla, Tenn	J P Randolph	44			8	6	1			7	43	2nd
Concord	L H Smart	Ivey Miss	J B Searcy, D D	85			13	1	1			3	228	+
Corinth	J C Ijams	Corinth	Walter Epting	36			9					1	31	4th
County Line	H T Outlaw	Baldwyn	W D Page	614			20		1			1	38	2nd
Cross Roads	D K Barnett	Cartersville	W A West	113			15					1	118	3rd
Farmington	A B Voyles	Corinth	J A Landers	22			4	7				7	68	4th
Fellowship	T A Butler	Graham	C P Duncan										37	1st
Friendship	Thos. Hubbard	Booneville	W M Henderson						1			1	54	1st
Gaston	D T Beall	Booneville	W L Norman				2					1	39	3rd
Glendale	J F White	Eagle	E J Eubanks	151			17	5	1			6	34	3rd
Harmony	P T Wilbank	Theo	W E Hunter	105			17	1	1			2	92	2nd
Hinkle Creek	J F Holt	Farmer	J C Hughes	23			5					3	10	3rd
Hughe's Chapel	L A Chambers	Iuka	L R Burress	76			13	6	4			2	87	1-4
Iuka	E D Glenn	Iuka											20	
Jacinto	J O Looney	Jacinto	G M Savage D D	1611			27	2	1			3	136	1st
Kossuth	P C Mathis	Kossuth		77			14					3	14	4
Little Brown's Creek	J W Denson	Elmer											68	2nd
Lone Oak	W S Potter	Kossuth	J C Henderson	91			10	1	2			5	34	2nd
Meadow Creek	R F Barrett	Booneville	W F Davis									1	78	1st
Mount Gilead	G W Bishop	Iuka	J C Hughes	2			2	15	2			18	23	2nd
Mount Joy	J E Childers	Jacinto	A J Sherrell	12			5					13	189	2nd
Mount Olive	W H Youngblood	Geeville	L R Burress	187			25	10	3			9	44	2nd
			W D Davis				10							

sions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Ministerial Education, Support of Pastors, Church Expenses, Church Improvements and total expended, and valuation of Church property.

3. We agree that every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number one hundred members, then one for every fifty above that number.

4. When any Church shall fail to communicate with this body for three successive meetings, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and will be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members request its continuance, and will also engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next annual meeting.

5. Other Churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed Scriptural.

6. We will elect a Moderator and a Clerk by ballot, at each annual meeting, as soon as the letters from the Churches are read and the members names enrolled; letters from petitionary Churches being received, that their delegates may also have the privilege of voting.

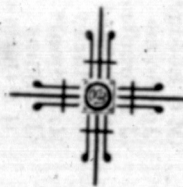
7. We disclaim the right to adopt rules that can, at any time, infringe upon the independence and rights of the Churches. We may, however, advise Churches when they request it, and will withdraw from such as become heretical in doctrine and disorderly in discipline.

8. We will have an Executive Board composed of seven members, elected annually, and the Moderator and Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the Churches, and dispose of the same as the Churches may direct.

9. We will correspond with sister Associations. Any member of this body whose name appears on our minutes, is authorized to represent us in other religious bodies.

10. We will have our minutes read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises and will not adjourn except in extraordinary cases, until all the business is finished.

11. We will, while convenient, appoint the time and place for holding the next annual meeting of this body, and elect a brother to preach Associational Sermon. The Association may make such alterations and amendments to the Covenant as two thirds of the members may deem necessary.



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